

## ERECTING HIS OWN MONUMENT.

How Lester Bryant, the Boy Champion Corn Grower of Kentucky, Will Buy His Own Memorial With His Record Crop of Corn.

One very frequently hears the remark, "That fellow is erecting his own monument." No one in the Rockfield neighborhood last summer ever thought that Lester Bryant's record crop of corn would be the means of building him a memorial. No one watching a vigorous youngster put his life and soul into the work as he did could have foreseen such an event, and yet if



LESTER BRYANT.

the plans of the Hon. J. W. Newman carry, and they are sure to, the boy will have erected his own memorial.

At the funeral of Lester Bryant a few days after his tragic death at Washington Mr. Newman outlined his plan to a few close friends. The plan was so unique and so easy of handling that it was soon after decided upon. Mr. Newman has bought Lester Bryant's crop of fine Kentucky tested, Boone County White seed corn from the boy's father and had Dr. Mutchler, the government expert in charge of the Boys' Corn club movement, pick out fifty bushels of extra seed corn. This carefully selected stock seed corn will be offered for sale as the Lester Bryant Strain of Boone County White. It will be sold at \$1 per ear. All the money realized from the sale of this remarkable corn will be placed in bank at Frankfort to the credit of the Lester Bryant memorial fund. As there will probably be at least 3,500 ears in the fifty bushels of corn, a magnificent monument is sure to rise in the Bowling Green cemetery, where the boy is buried.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.	
Rent .....	\$ 5.00
Preparation of land.....	3.50
Seed .....	2.50
Planting .....	.25
Manure .....	4.37
Fertilizer .....	3.90
Cultivation .....	2.00
Gathering .....	19.02
Total cost .....	148 bus. and 55 lbs. at 60c. 89.20
Profit .....	\$70.18

All orders for the corn should be sent direct to Mr. Newman's Frankfort office. The corn will be shipped to those ordering from Bowling Green.

Kentucky's Boys' Corn Clubs. The Boys' Corn club movement is only two years old in this state, and yet big things have been accomplished. The Corn club boys, several thousand of them, are enthusiastic; but better than enthusiasm are the results that have come from the work.

When the state champions met in Washington this winter with the experts who had charge of the work in the various states, there was naturally a feeling of intense rivalry. Twelve of the southern states that had been pushing the Boys' Corn club idea for several years, had records of 442 boys that had grown over 100 bushels on an acre. Alabama and Georgia each had over 100 boys with this record to their credit, but both of these states had been organized for club work for the past eight years. It is very gratifying to be able to write that Kentucky, with an organization of only two years, made a splendid record. Fifty-seven boys in Kentucky this past season grew over 100 bushels of corn to the acre. How many adult farmers did that well?

## Historical Inaccuracies

The following sketch written years ago by my Father, Rev. J. B. McGinn, of Versailles, may be of interest to members of the "D. A. R." of this city.  
ANNA D. LILLY.

THE following incident in the life of General Nathaniel Greene is told by Clement, in his "Noble Deeds of American Women." When General Greene was retreating through the Carolinas after the battle of the Cowpens, and while at Salisbury, N. C., he put up at a hotel, the landlady of which was Mrs. Elizabeth Steele. \*\*\* Added to his other troubles was that of being penniless; and Mrs. Steele learning this fact by accident, and ready to do anything in her power to further the cause of freedom, took him aside and drew from under her apron two bags of specie. Presenting them to him she generously said, "Take these, for you will want them, and I can do without them."

"Barnes' History of the U. S." gives an account of the incident similar to the above. The B. F. Johnson Publishing Co., Richmond, Va., in "History Stories of N. C." relates the incident thus, "Soon he came to a large house by the roadside. He decided that he would stop and ask permission to stay all night. He dismounted and knocked at the door. A lady opened it. 'You see at your door, madam,' said he, 'General Greene of the American Army, homeless, penniless and almost friendless.'"

"General Greene, is welcome to this home and all that is in it," said the lady. She then called a servant, who took the General's horse to the stables. "Come in General Greene, and I will have tea prepared for you. I am Mrs. Steele and my neighbors will tell you whether I am a Tory or a patriot." In a little while a bountiful supper was ready and while Greene was eating, Mrs. Steele took out from a safe a bag of gold and gave it to him."

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The facts in the case are these: Elizabeth Steele's maiden name was Elizabeth Maxwell. She was twice married. Her first husband was Robert Gillespie, by whom she had one daughter, Margaret, who married Rev. Sam E. McCorkle, son of Alex. McCorkle and Agnes Montgomery. Her second husband was Wm. Steele, by whom she had one son, John Steele.

Mrs. Steele did not live in Salisbury, but in a large farmhouse a short distance from Salisbury. Nor was she at the time of General Greene's visit a widow.

General Greene reached the Steele residence about dusk, in a cold rain. Steele, surprised at seeing him unaccompanied by his staff, asked if he was alone. The General replied: "Yes, hungry, friendless, penniless." Mrs. Steele overheard this reply. There were two young men stopping at the house, waiting an opportunity to join Greene's army. After supper, Mrs. Steele presented these two young men to General Greene and the two bags of specie, saying, "General you are now no longer hungry; friendless or penniless."

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Years before this, a brother of Mrs. Steele's had presented her with the portraits of George III, and Queen Charlotte. These portraits were hanging in the hall. General Greene turned their faces to the wall and wrote on the back of King George's "King George, hide thy face and mourn."

These portraits were inherited by my grandmother, Margaret McCorkle, and from her by my mother. My mother gave me, when I was a boy, the portrait of Queen Charlotte and to sister

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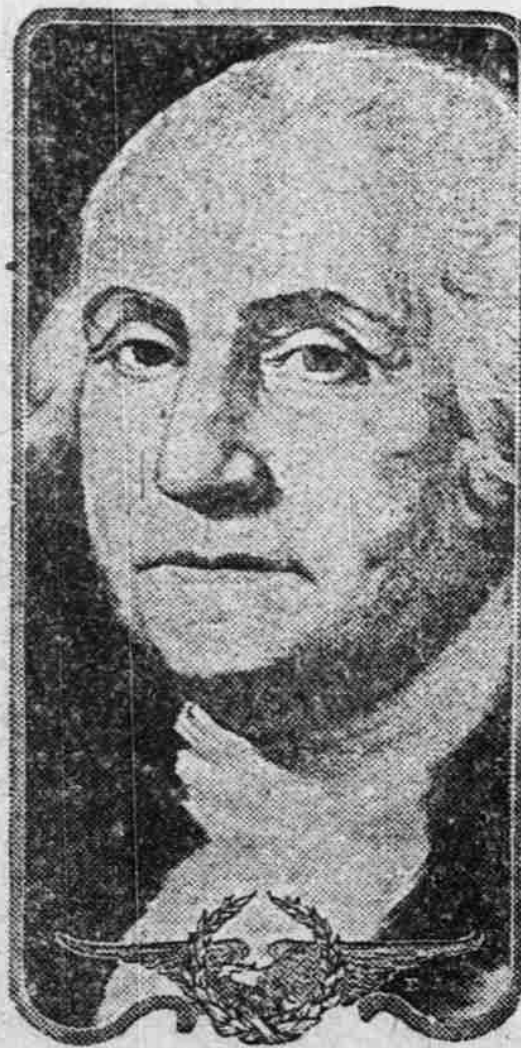
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Margaret that of King George. Chapel Hill University, having heard of these portraits, desired to possess them, and my sister presented the University with the portrait of the King. I refused to part with the Queen. After evangelizing in West Tennessee and the Kentucky Purchase for six years I took charge in 1858, of a small church in Paducah. I was unmarried and my mother sent me many things to furnish my room, among other things this portrait of Queen Charlotte. In the Spring of 1859 something suggested the idea of uniting the King and his Queen, after long years of separation. I wrote to Governor Swayne, President of Chapel Hill University, in regard to the matter. In looking over some old pa-

### Swayne's Letter.

"Chapel Hill, 22d March, 1859. My Dear Sir: Your favor of the 2d was duly received and I have been looking carefully around to ascertain in what way I can most carefully and safely avail myself of your kind offer.

"The portrait of George the third with the autograph of General Greene has always been regarded as a most interesting relic, and one for which we were greatly indebted to you. The portrait of his royal consort will be welcomed as a valuable contribution to our collection, and as peculiarly appropriate, in connection with the former; not merely as a pictorial representation of royalty at a most important period, but for the association connected with the two portraits and the family by which they have so long been preserved.

"Bishop Otey and the Rev. Richard Hines, of Memphis, are both graduates of the University and both (especially the latter) are in familiar correspondence with friends in N. C. The portrait, if safely put up and sent to either will be carefully and punctually transmitted to us.

"With very sincere thanks for these repeated manifestations of patriotism and kindness.

"I remain, very sincerely yours,  
"D. L. SWAYNE.  
"Rev. J. B. MCGINN."

### Laundrymen to Meet in April

At a meeting held in Lexington by the executive committee of the Laundry Owners' association of Kentucky, the dates of April 17 and 18 were fixed for the convention of the association, which will be held in Lexington this year. The members of the committee who attended the meeting were S. A. Asneth and George Deuser, of Louisville, and George T. Graves, of Lexington. Mr. Graves was made chairman of the entertainment committee, which will be composed of Lexington laundrymen. There are about 100 members of the association, and it is believed that practically all of them and a number of other visitors will attend the convention.